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Vicki Brooker photo

Back to the old ways

Fort George and Buckingham House historic site program coordinator Ross Stromberg demonstrates the bow and stick method of starting a fire, which produced promising wisps of smoke but were reluctant to burst into flame for the fascinated Saskatoon Festival audience. More photos, Page 6.

Sunshine, fun and saskatoons

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

A bright, sunny Sunday brought out an excellent crowd for the annual Saskatoon Festival at Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site.

Visitors browsed the wares of a dozen craft vendors, dined on elk burgers, saskatoon pie and ice cream, and braved the health mosquito population to follow the knowledgeable interpreters to the original sites of the twin 1792 fur trading forts to gain knowledge of the area's fascinating history.

An excited group of youngsters turned stray socks into stalwart stick horses, armed themselves with paper spears and, after perfecting their charging and sneaking techniques and dabbling on some war paint, set off to track down a frisky bison look-alike.

The planned entertainment, several promising young fiddlers, had a change of plans, but a pair of 85-year-old entertainers filled in the gap, with Adelard Bilodeau of Bonnyville playing one of his handmade fiddles and Roy Scott playing along on the spoons, mule bones and Irish drum.

"When I was 15 years old, we lived in Goodridge," Bilodeau said "Our neighbours, the Michauds, played the fiddle and guitar, and taught me to play the fiddle. I saw where a guy had a fiddle for sale for \$10, so I went to the credit union and borrowed \$10, I caught weasels, muskrats and squirrels – they were worth seven cents – to pay off the loan. The Michauds would tune the fiddle for me, because I didn't know a note from Adam and Eve. Pete and Henry taught me a lot of music. Now I've forgotten 90 percent of the songs I knew, but I still like to play."

Bilodeau set his fiddle aside while he and his wife were raising their family of nine children, but "when I retired, I started playing again."

Not only that, he started making fiddles.

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County supports Elk Point water pipeline

The County of St. Paul voted to join the St. Paul/Elk Point water commission after hearing a report presented by Mohammed Elenany and Matthew Brassard, engineers from Urban Systems, concerning the cost to County residents wanting to tap into the line.

Using Hillside Estates as an example with about 45 residents, the estimated cost would be between \$20,000 to \$30,000 per home to access town water from the pipeline. The cost could vary depending on the type of system, the distance to the pipeline and other factors, he clarified.

Division 2 Coun. Cliff Martin had previously expressed reservations about the project because he wanted to know how much it would cost for ratepayers to tap into the line. After hearing the presentation by Urban Systems he said it

might be feasible for some County residents to join together, form a water cooperative and access the water. As a result, he voted to join the commission.

"If we don't join now, we will have no access to the water in the future," said Martin in a phone interview after the council meeting. "If we join now we will be able to access up to 20 per cent of the water in that line in the future. So this is gambling on the future."

He said if a developer wanted to build a subdivision just outside of the Town of St. Paul, they could tap into the water line as long as the County joined the water commission now. Currently, the areas around the Town of St. Paul have no access to town water.

Reeve Steve Upham also expressed reservations about joining the water commission in the past but voted in favour

after last Tuesday's presentation.

"The project is going ahead with or without us," said Upham, explaining the Town of Elk Point is in need of the water and is proceeding with the plan to build the water line. "This way we will be entitled to 20 per cent of the water."

Upham said 20 per cent should be enough water to support any developments, which might occur in the area.

The estimated cost of the water supply line from St. Paul to Elk Point is \$7.3 million, according to CAO Sheila Kitz. The provincial Water for Life grant would cover 90 per cent of the cost. The province has approved the funding for the project, said Upham.

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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS

July 12, 2011 Council Meeting

Change of Office Hours – Effective Monday, July 18th the County office will remain closed from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Procedures Bylaw – Council approved the updated Procedures Bylaw which establishes the rules and provisions to regulate the conduct of business in meetings, to control and maintain order in meetings and to provide for dealing with petitions, correspondence and other submissions to the Council and Committees thereof. A copy of the bylaw can be viewed on the County website.

Bylaw 1576, Garner Lake Area Structure Plan – was given first reading and a Public Hearing has been scheduled for the August 9, 2011 Council Meeting to hear residents views on the proposed Area Structure Plan. A copy of this plan can be picked up at the County Office or can be viewed on our website.

Administrative Services Contract for Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission – Upon receiving letters from the staff who provide administrative services for the Evergreen Regional Waste Management Commission indicating that they wish to terminate their positions with the Commission effective December 31, 2011 in order that they may concentrate more fully on their ever increasing duties with the County of St. Paul, Council resolved to send a letter to the Commission requesting that the Administrative Services Contract be terminated at the end of the calendar year. The County will provide Payroll Services through a contract with the Commission.

Strategic Plan – Administration provided a quarterly update on the Strategic Business Plan. The Strategic Plan can be viewed on the County website at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca.

Ashmont – Lottie Lake Water System – Urban Systems from Edmonton has been appointed as the engineering firm for the Ashmont Lottie Lake Water Line. They will be commencing work on the project with the expectation to have a preliminary design ready for September 30, 2011. Council also approved additional optional work for the project, subject to approval by Alberta Transportation. This optional work includes Pilot-Scale Study Protocol and Set-Up, Sludge Lagoons Evaluation, as well as Ground Water Well Testing. Subsequent to the meeting, the Sludge Lagoon Evaluation will be put on hold until the location of the Water Treatment Plant is determined. At that time if required, this project will be run through an alternate funding program.

St. Paul – Elk Point Regional Water Line – Council resolved to join the St. Paul – Elk Point Regional Water Commission. They will be reviewing the Business Plan for this Commission at a meeting next week in Elk Point.

Municipal Internship Program – Administration will be submitting an application to host an intern in the Land Use Planning stream. Through this program, the County would provide mentors for individuals interested in pursuing careers in Planning within municipal government. This will assist the County with succession planning efforts to recruit, train and retain competent employees. There is a grant available through municipal affairs to cover a portion of the salary for the intern; therefore the County's contribution to the program would be approximately \$25,000 in the first year and \$49,000 in the second year.

Elk Point Inter Municipal Development Plan – The County's planning and development department is working with the Town of Elk Point to develop an intermunicipal development plan. Zap Municipal Consulting has been hired as the consultants to work with the Town and County on this plan.

St. John's Cemetery – At the request of the ratepayers who have been looking after the St. John's Cemetery located at PNW 26-55-7-W4, the County will take title to the cemetery and look after the maintenance of it under the direction of the Cemetery Committee.

FCSS – The FCSS Department has added a few new programs - Home Alone Safely has been done in Ashmont and will be offered in Lindbergh in August – Mallaig Parent Council will make a decision on offering it in Mallaig in September. Don't Laugh at Me is also being offered in Ashmont this summer. The Senior's Gala is being organized in Mallaig for December 1, 2011. In order to meet the FCSS Mandate, there will be a greater focus on educational sessions for the seniors during the Gala.

Public Works – The PW Department is working against the weather to build roads and reclaim oiled roads. County crews continue to work on gravelling and installing dust controls throughout the County.

Funding - \$500 for 25th Annual Conrad Jean Special Olympics

Conferences/Seminars – Staff members and Council members were approved to attend the following conferences & seminars:

- Government Finance Officers Association – D. Smereka
- Alberta Rural Administrators Association Conference – S. Kitz, T. Mahdiuk

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.

Financial statements are available for pick up at the County Office or can be viewed on the County website at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca

County passes procedures bylaw

By TIM BANMAN
WITH FILES FROM SHAUNA BURKE
Review Contributor

The County of St. Paul passed its procedures bylaw at the regular council meeting on July 12 as part of its goal of updating outdated procedures and policies.

Councillors amended the bylaw to permit cell phones in meetings for councillors and the public if set to silent.

Council also decided to include the nominations procedures in the bylaw, which previously had been an add-on to the bylaw.

At the meeting, councillors requested clarification on whether the reeve can cancel a motion on the floor or whether all motions must go to a vote.

CAO Sheila Kitz looked up Robert's Rules, which said if a motion is brought forward repeatedly with only minor changes in wording, the chair has the option to deny the motion. However, the group as a whole could appeal the chair's denial. Council decided Robert's Rules is sufficient.

Various policies amended

At a special policy meeting on July 8, County councillors added a few amendments before passing 16 public works policies.

The policies will ensure people are treated consistently, said Kitz, after the meeting. "Sometimes there's the perception people are treated differently," she said. "This is just putting the policy into place as to our practice."

Administration drafted the policies over the past several months, and presented the policies to the policy committee for revision before receiving approval. Before drafting, the County worked on the precedent of practice and some resolutions that had been passed.

Councillors discussed the snow clearing policy on rural routes and decided to empower operators to make the call on whether a driveway can be cleared with County equipment. Safety Supervisor Bryan Bespalko said he relies on the operators to tell if it is safe, noting the County has a list of residences that require one-ton trucks instead of the grader.

"We will try to accommodate them with the grader, the plow truck or the little truck. If none of those will work, then this falls into 'can't do it, you've got to make other arrangements'," said Bespalko.

The policy says if a driveway is too narrow for County equipment to clear it, other

arrangements will need to be made and the County has the right to refuse the grade an area if it is hazardous in the opinion of the operator.

Council passed its custom grader work policy without debate, but spent time discussing the gravel sales policy. The policy allows a ratepayer to request delivery within five miles of the municipal boundary. The drafted policy would have permitted Town residents with land in the county to have gravel delivered in town. Council added "for agricultural purposes" to clarify the bylaw.

Other policies passed included brush and tree removal, road approaches, summer road maintenance, road oiling, graveling and construction, snow clearance, dust control, damage claims, overdue accounts, cemetery funds disbursement, County contracting from employees and equipment mobilization on cold weather.

The policies will be available on the County's website, www.county.stpaul.ab.ca.

Tardy taxpayers penalized

The County is short on tax payments due to the Canada Post strike. Late payments will be penalized three per cent if not received before June, but if postmarks indicate the mail was sent before the end of June deadline, penalties will be cancelled.

Around 90 per cent of ratepayers have their taxes in, said Kitz, slightly below the usual amount compared to other years.

"It's pretty good considering the postal strike," said Kitz, after the meeting. Many ratepayers came to the office or paid online.

If payment is not received by Oct. 1, a further five per cent penalty will be applied, and if not received by Nov. 1, a further five per cent penalty will result. If unpaid by Dec. 21, another 10 per cent penalty will be applied.

Public Works notes

Coun. Frank Sloan said two dilapidated and unoccupied houses in Ashmont need to be torn down. The County plans to tear the houses down but is waiting to receive a court order and expects the houses down in the next few months, said Kitz, after the meeting.

Bylaw officer Bryan Bespalko reported to council he had fast tracked a boat launch at Floating Stone Lake, having had to apply to four government agencies for the permit to be done in three months. Council does not have the budget to do the launch this year, said Kitz.



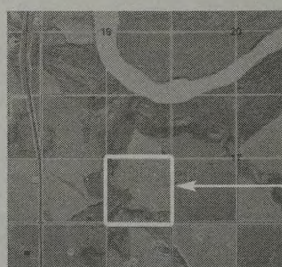
NOTICE

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the County of St. Paul No. 19 is considering **Bylaw No. 1581** which is a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 1486, as it relates to the zoning of the following land:

SE 18-56-6-W4

Proposed rezoning from Agricultural to Industrial/Commercial



Subject property

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as can possibly be arranged, at the County Office in St. Paul.

Copies of the Bylaw and Plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the County Office.

For further information, contact the County Office at 780-645-3301.

Krystle Fedoretz, Planning & Development Officer
County of St. Paul No. 19
5015 - 49 Avenue, St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A4

Pipeline

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The remaining 10 per cent of the cost would be picked up by the water commission, which is composed of the Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul. The current business plan indicates the County would purchase 20 per cent of the capacity of the water line and therefore will be responsible for 20 per cent of the cost. This would be a debenture payment of approximately \$10,000 per year for 25 years, said Kitz.

Council plans to review the business plan on July 20. The amount the County will contribute toward administration and ongoing maintenance of the line will be discussed. However, Kitz said these fees might be based on consumption. If no county residents use the line there would be no additional cost.

Back to the drawing board on town's planned projects: more info needed

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Estimates for the Town of Elk Point's upcoming projects were brought to last Monday's meeting, and set aside until more information is obtained.

An estimate for the 50 Ave. walking trail came in at \$148,500, but it was the specifics that drew that discussion to a halt. The quote was for construction of a trail that would be on the north side of the avenue past the mobile home subdivision, and then crossing the avenue and continuing west on the south side, which sparked safety concerns. It was also determined that the town-owned area on the south side is not wide enough to accommodate the trail, and additional land would need to be purchased.

"This is just information, so far," Mayor Parrish Tung said.

A second part of the trail project, this time the solar lights for 54 Street, also went back to the drawing board after an estimate for \$48,680 was received for 10 lights. However this time it wasn't the price, but the information that the company the town has been dealing with has dissolved. The town now wants more information regarding guarantees on the equipment and other parts of the project from the company which has taken over distribution and installation.

Industrial park roadwork costs were not yet determined, but instead, council is checking out the potential sources of income that could be put toward the project. The public works committee has recommended that town manager Myron Goyan get a five year projection of MSI funding and other potential grants and funding that

could be used for the upgrade.

"Public works felt that repair money would be better spent on something permanent," Goyan noted.

The "four-point-something-million price is just an estimate. No decisions have been made," he noted.

Two estimates for street patching have been received, but were not necessarily comparable, council felt. Goyan was also asked to check this out.

On a positive note, council discussed potential land development, and agreed that an estimated four lots on each side at the end of Centennial Drive could be serviced for a very small investment. Council then passed a motion to register a new development concept for that area, in preparation

for additional residential lots to be developed.

Council also discussed the feasibility of installing water and sewer lines for additional lots at the same time, as this could be more cost effective.

Development of industrial lots is currently on hold, until St. Paul and District Co-op decides where their new store will be built.

Mayor Tung said that he has "no desire to develop (additional) industrial land just to sit on it," and would prefer to wait until interest in shown by potential purchasers.

Council agreed to proclaim September as Muscular Dystrophy Month in Elk Point.

Coun. Ron Fraess was designated to attend the upcoming Alberta Care

Saskatoon Festival

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"This is my 18th fiddle. I've made 26. The imported wood costs an arm and a leg, but it's worth it. I did make four from aspen, but only one is really good. I made it from a block of firewood I cut on my trapline." Maple and birch are best, he noted, "and I still have six or seven for sale."

Among his creations were two very special fiddles, Bilodeau said.

"I have a brother with 29 John Deere tractors, a son with 14 of them. I made them each a John Deere fiddle."

"In the old days, there were not too many instruments," Roy Scott said, "but the fiddle was always there. My dad played the fiddle," Scott prefers to accompany the other instruments with rhythms of his own making: a dancing doll, who jigs to the beat on a plank, spoons, the Irish

drum called a bull ram, which is tapped with a single stick. Scott has also spent many years playing the mule bones and though his hands are now finding this hard to do, he says his son will be carrying on this unique tradition. "These bones are from a mule my sister's husband drove to school, Old Sadie," demonstrating the rhythmic clicking to Bilodeau's "Golden Slippers."

During a break in the music, program coordinator Ross Stromberg and interpreter Nathan Farkash provided a demonstration of old-style fire starting techniques, Stromberg bringing up smoke, but less successful with kindling a flame, with his stick and bow method, while Farkash showing a much faster method, with a magnifying glass, which he noted, the fur traders had used to light

their pipes.

"It can be done in 22 seconds," Stromberg said as he re-whittled the point on his cedar stick for another attempt, "but it's taking me a lot longer than that." The smoldering embers produced by the rotating stick's friction against the grooved base normally light the tinder, but this time were reluctant to do so in several attempts, probably due to the recent damp weather conditions, because flint and steel, commonly used in fur trade days, also proved unsuccessful.

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Includes Large Detached Garage
This 2 bedroom home comes with many upgrades - new furnace, new hot water heater, upgraded electrical, laminate flooring and sports a 30'x32' heated double detached garage with 'THE MAN CAVE FEATURE'.
MLS 0016875149 **\$169,000**

RESIDENTIAL



4 Bedrooms
Well built home (2x6 construction) located in a quiet area of Elk Point. Upgrades include shingles, hot water tank, washer, fridge and stove. The home has 4 bedrooms, one and half bathrooms on the main floor, and a partially finished basement. For outdoor entertaining enjoy the large, two level deck and landscaped back yard. MLS 0021113949 **\$189,500**

RESIDENTIAL



Fantastic Home
This 1984, 1200 sq ft home in Myrnam offers affordable housing in a quiet rural setting. The home has numerous upgrades including all flooring, paint, bathrooms, stainless steel appliances, hot water tank and more. MLS 0019264712 **\$194,900**

MYRNAME



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Acreage with a view. This 3 acre parcel is located 3 km from Elk Point and features a one of a kind view of the North Saskatchewan River and Elk Point bridge. MLS CS10021001 **\$95,000**

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9.9 acres
This property features a beautiful river view in the Heinsburg area. The five year old 16 x 76 mobile home shows pride of ownership and is situated on a landscaped yard with bountiful trees and ornamental shrubs. MLS 0023760052 **\$220,000**

ACREAGE



Private Setting
Midway between Elk Point and St. Paul, this well maintained home is tucked into the trees just enough to provide a private setting and still enjoy the beautiful scenes of the valley from the large 12 x 40 deck. MLS 0032564685 **\$229,000**

RESIDENTIAL



A Must See
Priced to sell. A coat of paint and wow! What a home. Spacious four bedroom home with a large ensuite off the master bedroom and a fully developed basement. For outdoor entertaining enjoy the large, two level deck and landscaped back yard. MLS 0010333318 **\$239,000**

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Important changes have been made to
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- All owners of residential premises must provide **waste receptacles with watertight covers**
- The weight of a single freestanding receptacle and its contents **shall not exceed 20 kg (45 lbs.)**
- In a **permanent receptacle** that holds numerous bags, each bag **shall not exceed 20 kg (45 lbs.)**
- The contents in a receptacle must be bagged for easy removal. No person shall fill a waste receptacle in such a manner that the contents cannot be **easily removed** from the waste receptacle.
- Should refuse be scattered due to not being contained within a receptacle, the litter shall be cleaned up by the **owner of the property**. If the owner does not comply, the Town will clean up the litter **at a cost to the property owner**.

The Town is **not required** to collect:

- Yard waste (including grass clippings, tree trunks, etc.)
- Industrial chemical waste
- Dead animals or portions of dead animals
- Discarded furniture
- Discarded automobile parts and tires
- Appliances
- Building waste
- Any item that cannot be conveniently carried

To view the entire bylaw, please visit www.elkpoint.ca

If you have further questions about the changes to Garbage Bylaw 697/11, please contact the Town Office at 780-724-3810.

EDITORIAL

Small town hero

We heard a radio ad asking for nominees for Small Town Heroes the other day, just before we saw the information on the 20th anniversary of the C.G. Baker Arena.

Charlene Baker was one of those heroes. Without the immense determination and drive exhibited by her and by Glenn Harms, it is highly unlikely that the well-used facilities at the north end of Elk Point would have ever been built, and our community would have lost out on the opportunity to bring countless people to town each year to enjoy the equine-based recreation it offers.

Visionaries are few and far between, and we were very fortunate to have this small town hero in our midst, making us believe that dreams can become reality.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Roof problems

Having been in the food business for nearly 30 years, the sale at Footprints was a little intriguing. Restaurants have access to items the regular consumer will never find. What type of gadget could I find to fill the kitchen drawer?

Within a few minutes of entering the door, a familiar face smiled and said "Hi". Asking how she was the reply was simple, "I've had better months". Food safety is my area of expertise so curiosity got the better of me and I just had to ask what happened. Holding back the tears, Tina shared the frustration she has been experiencing.

When you work in the food business, eventually you have the opportunity to work with a health inspector. In my career I've had the worked with local health inspectors, The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In each case, most inspectors are willing to work with the organization, as long as there is some form of progress showing a willingness to comply with the regulations. It was highly unlikely the inspector just walked in and closed the doors. Through our conversation, I learned an order to repair the leaks was given in May.

In the July 5th edition of the Elk Point Review, "The Landlord" placed an advertisement, probably in an attempt to deflect his responsibility in the closure of a respected business. I found it quite funny how he tried to use "Facts" to prove his point. Stating Alberta building codes regarding a tin roof, he seemed to have forgotten a simple fact – the purpose of a roof is to protect the contents from weather. According to Wikipedia, in most countries a roof protects primarily from rain. So regardless of the building code, the simple fact is, the roof was not doing what a roof is supposed to do.

To answer the questions at the end of the advertisement: This isn't an "all of a sudden a problem". It appears to have been going on for some time and covered up using water catchers. Birds leave things laden with Salmonella on the roof. When it rains, this bacterium washes away and from what I understand, right onto the food preparation area of the restaurant. Salmonella is a dangerous bacterium and has been known to result in the death of some individuals. Only recently has the leaking roof come into public knowledge and the actions of the inspector were only to protect the public.

Why did what fail? The water catchers? Maybe if there was a proper roof on the building it would not have failed.

Obviously the person who had the roof installed, or the one who didn't have the roof properly repaired, is responsible for the failure.

My question to "The Landlord", if the roof in your house leaks, do you tell your family it is built to code and put a few buckets around the house to catch the water?

B. Plunkie
Elk Point



GUEST COLUMN

Generations sharing

Quentin L. Cook tells a story about what is important. "When I was a small boy, I would visit my grandparents at their ranch during the summer. There was no electrical power, running water, or indoor plumbing. There was, however, a spring of water next to their small ranch house. The spring created a little pond of clear, pure water, where several times a day I would help my grandmother carry water to the house for drinking, cooking, bathing, and washing clothes. My grandparents loved this life-giving spring and took special precautions to protect it. Many years later my grandfather was in his early 90s and did not live on the property; he was unable to maintain or oversee it. I drove him to see the ranch which he loved. His high expectations at seeing the ranch turned to disappointment when he realized the fences that protected the spring had fallen into disrepair and cows had damaged the spring and the precious, pure spring water had been significantly polluted. He was upset with the damage and the pollution. To him, it was a violation of a trust he had observed all his working life. He felt somehow he had not protected that life-sustaining spring which had meant so much to him." (Do you think he might have wondered how he missed teaching the next generation the value of protecting the life-giving spring?)

Most of us who live in our area in today's world are not familiar with spring water. We get our water from taps and we expect paid people to make sure the water is not polluted. So it may be hard to understand how someone who lived in the past relied on a life-giving spring and took responsibility to protect it. It can be said that the next generation didn't take the time to keep the fence in good repair so that cattle wouldn't be able to come in and damage the

spring. Thus it can be said the fence wasn't important to the next generation. We could go on with our thoughts about this story, but the bottom line is that changes took place. What was important in the past was not what was important in the future. After all, the next generation probably now had running water, etc.

So how does one generation teach or share with another generation? For example, in a poem with the title "Talk" by John Holmes, John explains how he learned something from an old, deaf New England shipbuilder. Basically what he did was watch the old, deaf man work and let his imagination picture

what took place on the ships the old man was building.

*"Some of the best talk I ever had
Was with a deaf old near-sighted wrestler
who had been to sea,
And made ship-models for a living, and didn't say much.
I was a small boy, I stared. I hung around his shop
after school.
He was very deaf, and it made a good silence
for me to think in."*

The poem goes on to explain all the thoughts John had as he watched this old deaf man whittled out boats. Sometimes the old man would throw something away that wasn't working out right. John goes on to explain, "I wouldn't have known that however you build it, the ship must sail; you can't explain to the ocean." (This is a good thought about rationalization – which means in this case, the ocean doesn't care how you build the ship – it's requirement is that it sails.)

The last lines of the poem are as follows:

*"Do you know what this is I am making?"
I knew what he was making, even before it seemed to be.
I could hear. I could make believe. I could see.
He always had half a dozen ships on the bench,
thinking them into shape.
He hummed, whittled, peered, swore, studied blueprints.
It was some of the best talk I ever had."*

When you put these two examples together, you can understand that the best way to learn from another generation is just to be with them, watch them and listen to them.



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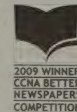
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Edmonton-based children's writer Kathy Jessup kept the rapt attention of the library's summer reading group with her entertaining tales of her own daughter, and her own childhood escapades.

Storyteller enlivens Summer Reading

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Edmonton children's writer and storyteller Kathy Jessup visited Elk Point Municipal Library's Summer Reading Program last Monday, and entertained a delighted group of children and parents with her tales.

One of her favourites was "Hilary's Perfect Home," a story she based on her own child, when that youngster proved reluctant to hop in the tub.

The little girl who hated baths, Jessup said, traveled around looking for a new home where she wouldn't have to be clean, but found that neither a bird nor a cat, or even a pig, would welcome an unwashed roommate.

In another funny story, Hilary goes fishing with Grandpa, and tries out some very unusual bait in her quest to win the 'Champion Fisherman' cap.

The best story of all came after everyone hopped and swayed their way through an action song designed to release enough pent-up energy so they could sit still for the rest of the session, while she told

the wonderful tale from her own childhood, of her mother's encounter with a bear.

Spending summers in a community where 40 bears frequented the town's garbage dump, her petrified mother relied on a cap gun and a yappy little dog to keep "six kids who didn't listen" safe from harm, in spite of their sometimes

risky ways of having fun.

Jessup also gave the audience time to share their bear encounter stories, thus proving her theory that everyone has a story to tell and should have an opportunity to do so.

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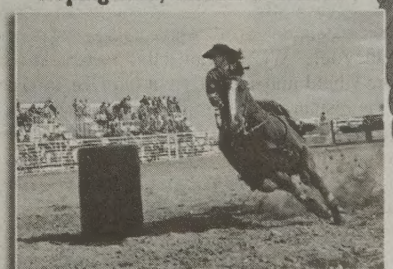
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Saskatoon Festival fun

The Fort George and Buckingham House Saskatoon Festival offered fun and entertainment for all ages. Clockwise from top right: Roy Scott and Adelard Bilodeau, both 85, played some old time music; young forts' visitors created stick horses for the buffalo hunt; Ross Stromberg and Nathan Farkash huff and puff in their fire-making demonstration; craft show browsers and shoppers had interesting wares to choose from; Loree Reynolds added ice cream to the event's signature dessert; Rob Holliday served up barbecued elk burgers; interpretive staff led visitors down the trail to the sites of the twin 1792 fur trade forts.





Northern Valley 100th Anniversary

The 100th anniversary of the founding of Northern Valley's Ukrainian Catholic Church of John the Baptist on July 10 was blessed by His Excellency Bishop David Motiuk, shown above left, who entered the church on a carpet of flower petals tossed by children. He was greeted by parish priest, Father Lysak (below right) as the choir, above, sang a processional number in honour of the very special occasion. The church, located southeast of Elk Point, was built by area pioneers in the early 1900s, and later replaced by a larger church by the growing congregation.



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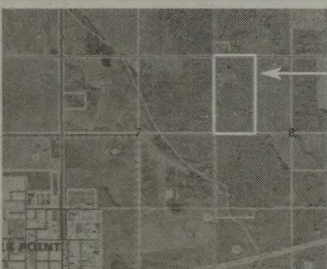
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Copies of the Bylaw and Plan may be inspected during normal office hours at the County Office.

For further information, contact the County Office at 780-645-3301.

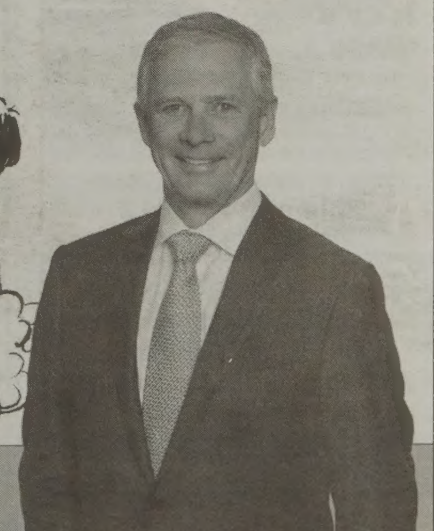
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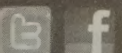
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Midget Sox back on track

So "If the train goes off the track, do you want your money back?" The big black and white machine is back on track. After having a slight derailment down in Acme, where the train went on a sight seeing tour, got off on a side rail and then lost all its momentum to pull itself back up, the Sox train is now back up and rolling along full steam ahead.

The truth is, nothing was really wrong with the team; it just needed a little eye opener to stay on course. Competition is a good thing; it makes you better in the long haul. Keeps you tuned up. The Sox have already made the cut into the tier 1, so it's better now that the Sox have a few hiccups, than in a few weeks from now, when it really counts in the provincial finals.

Last Tuesday night the Sox hosted their old friends from Vegreville, and this time everyone was a little friendlier than their last meeting. The teams were tied at two after two, when the Sox bats went to work, finding all the holes, pounding seven runs across the plate in the third. Rookie fielder Jordan "No Good" Nault with a triple in the gap all the way to the fence, Dylan "Juiced" Berg and Brett Mitchelmore, both hitting a deep double, that gave the Bears a lot of trouble. Matthew "MC Hammer" Church, Tanner Corbeil, Dustin "the Real Deal" Berg, and Jordyn "Tiger" Wozniak, all tapping out singles and driving in runs. Some super infield plays by shortstop Kurtis "Knuckles" Nicholson and second baseman



"Lucky Luke" Church. Kyle "the Kid" Corbeil also helping the cause by tracking down the long balls in the outfield.

Pierceland product Jordan Stacy, who the Sox signed in the off season to a one year deal, getting the call to the hill, going four innings allowing only two runs. Then veteran "Smoken Joel" Campbell, coming out of the bullpen in relief in the fifth, taking over the reins and completely shut down the BIG EGG bats, the Sox going on to win this one 12 to 2 in six innings.

This past weekend the Sox hit the road again, they played against Red Deer at 4 p.m. on Saturday in Edmonton and then traveled over to Camrose on Sunday for two, a noon game against Rocky Mountain House and 6 p.m. game against the host Camrose. We will have full details in next week's edition - "FROM THE DOUG OUT!"

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "What I am, what I have, what I am going to leave behind me, all this I owe to the game of baseball, without which I would have come out of St. Mary's Industrial School in Baltimore a tailor, and a pretty bad one, at that." Last week's answer to- "I broke in with four hits and the writers promptly decided they had seen the new Ty Cobb. It took me only a few days to correct that impression." - Casey Stengel.

Do you have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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Review Sports



There was big fun for the small set on Canada Day, with Laverne Wilson (above left) in charge of the children's games, which included a fish pond, games of skill and much more, with plenty of freebies for prizes.



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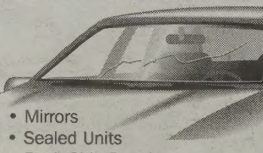
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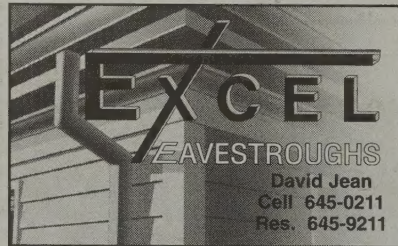
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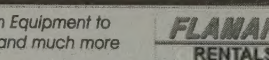
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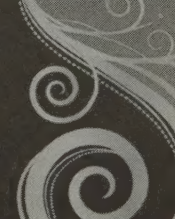
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FGM grads earn prestigious awards

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

F. G. Miller's Class of 2011 included six award winners, with a total of 11 awards going to these graduates.

Tori Becker - Warawa and Associates Business Scholarship, St. Paul Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

Brendan Bishop - Academic Honours, Belpalko-Sribney Scholarship.

Seanna Ewasiuk - Academic Honours,

County of St. Paul Scholarship.

Wayne Fiddler - Dental Health Scholarship, donated by Dr. Hodinsky and Dr. Shapka.

Dylan Kwasnycia - Barrie Wayne McFadyen Trade Scholarship

Brianna White - Academic Honours, Dr. K. C. Miller All Around Student Award, Barrie Wayne McFadyen Memorial Scholarship.

Mooswa update

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

There on the hills by Lindbergh, overlooking the hills and valleys held in time, lies the Mooswa cemetery, last resting place of pioneers and their families.

Most lived a full life and have a story of a different era. Each family takes pride in remembering and honouring their ancestors who have served us all as a guide.

Each time an elder passes on, we feel we have lost a piece of our foundation, and soon we have to stand in their place as the elders for the next generation.

Work bees are done on a monthly rotation, May through September, by family members. "Many hands, make light the work."

Mooswa Cemetery now has a new address: Box 5, Elk Point, TOA 1A0, and an e-mail address: mooswa_cemetery@yahoo.ca.



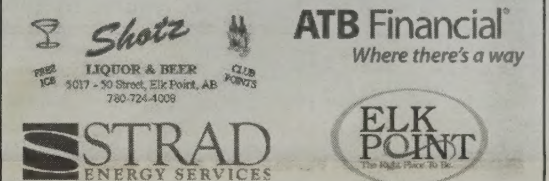
The Great Elk Point Duck Race

Although the 2011 duck race was cancelled due to unfortunate weather, the raffle draw had to be made on June 19, as required in the raffle license agreement. The ducks were taken to the Elk Point Co-op and the draw was made publicly there.

Congratulations to the winners:

Sheril Baumgardner ~ \$1000,
Ann Berg ~ \$500, Lloyd Maidment ~ \$200,
Brad Lazicki ~ \$200, Rob Harms ~ \$100.
Thanks to Brad Lazicki for donating his winnings back to the water spray park.

We acknowledge & appreciate our event sponsors:



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A last look
back at
Canada
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Fireworks finale

Dee Pankiw sent along this great shot of the final chapter of Canada Day 2011 celebrations.



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Farm Survival Challenge cmmentatorBlaine Easthope gave a little constructive criticism to one of the teams taking part in this popular Canada Day event, as a tractor pilot encumbered by a welding helmet is guided through an obstacle course by directions from a back seat driver- make that a wagon-riding co-pilot.

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